

Death of Three Irma Residents Mars Holiday Season

WILLIAM E. WALKER
On January 2 there passed away in Wainwright hospital one of the early pioneers of the district, after a lengthy illness. Mr. William E. Walker first came west in 1906 to work on the construction of the railway and the Battle River bridge. Early in 1908 he filed on a homestead six and a half miles north of what now is the thriving village of Irma. In the fall of 1908 his family moved out from Clarksburg to be with him on the farm, coming by way of Mannville. The following summer the rails were laid through to Edmonton and Irma was established.

Mr. Walker worked at carpentry on many buildings throughout the district. He enlisted in 218 Bn., later being transferred to the 8th C.R.T. and saw service in Belgium and France for two years.

In 1921 he went to Australia but returned again to Irma after a number of years and was a resident of the village for the past ten years.

Born in Clarksburg, Ont., in 1871, he was 78 past at the time of his death. His wife passed away in 1935 and his eldest daughter, Mrs. V. Peterson in 1945 and one grand-daughter, Lila Peterson in 1946. He is survived by his eldest son Charles C. Walker of Irma, Alfred W. Walker of Australia, Mrs. E. Field, Saskatoon, Mrs. E. L. Penny, Calgary, Mrs. G. A. Hurst, Irma, Mrs. N. McGowan, Edmonton, and Ashley Walker of Edmonton. His brother-in-law Ashley W. Hagey of Phila, Pa., 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. Walker was a member of the Masonic Lodge and Legion.

Burial service was held January 3 at 3:30 in Andrews and McLaughlin and the body laid to rest by his wife in Beechmont Cemetery, Edmonton.

Local Flowers and Donations
Wreath from Gratton Lodge No. 44.

To the United Church Building Fund in memory of Mr. W. E. Walker: Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Eaton; Mr. and Mrs. J. Kennedy; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Archibald; Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Erickson.

To the Protestant Home for Children: Mr. W. Masson and family.

PETRUS SELLSTEDT
Petrus Sellstedt passed to the great beyond on December 21 at the Wainwright hospital. He had been in poor health for the past year.

Petrus Sellstedt was born in Solleftea, Sweden, on August 9, 1871. He came to the United States in 1903 and in 1907 to Canada where he took up a homestead north of Irma and had resided there ever since. His wife joined him in 1908. He leaves to mourn his loss his loving wife, three sons, Harry of Edmonton, Klein and Beril of Irma, a brother in Sweden and daughter-in-law Joan of Scotland.

Funeral services were held at the United Church at 2 p.m. on December 24 with the Rev. H. W. Ingils officiating.

Pall bearers were Carl Larson, Rick Larson, Alf Larson, Wm. Stewart, John Dubaz, Charlie Archibald.

Macleod's funeral parlor of Wainwright was in charge.

Beautiful floral tributes were received from Loving wife and boys; Frances Clayton and family; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Larson and family; Henry Johnson; Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Jones and family; Pon

Tuong; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pond and family; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Kennedy; Mr. R. Hansen; Mr. and Mrs. Haun and family; Wilbert, Hazel and family; Mr. and Mrs. Dubaz and family; Mr. and Mrs. Frickleton; Mrs. R. A. Larson, Alf and Merle, Rick and Beasie, Louie and Maxine, Hakon and Vera.

Cards of sympathy were received from: Mr. and Mrs. H. Cossidant, Chicago, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. C. Johnson, Winnipeg, Man.; Daughter-in-law Joan, Scotland; Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Peterson of Ponoka, Alta.

To the Protestant Home for Children: R. Dempsey and family; W. Masson and family.

To United Church Fund: Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Archibald and Ole Halverson.

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The deceased was born at Harvey, North Dakota in 1900 and came to Hardisty in 1905, moving to Czar in 1927. In 1930 he was married to Astrid Peterson and in 1935 the young couple came to Irma where they had made their home ever since.

Mr. Hines was well known here where he worked for some time with the W. Rawleigh Co. and then came to meet and make friends over a wide area here.

He is survived by his wife and two young sons, Jackie and Dwight, his father at Watersmeet, Mich., three brothers, Charlie of Watersmeet, Mich., Noble of Belleville, Mich. and Herb of Phoenix, Ariz.

The Rev. H. W. Ingils officiated at the funeral service from the pall bearers were Messrs Erling Larson, D. H. Gunn, Geo. Fischer, Steve Hlynka, V. Sampson and Cliff Smallwood.

Floral tributes were received from: Astrid, Jackie and Dwight; Herb, Edith and Audrey; Sig Peterson and family; Steve and Jennie; Ben and Olive; Walter Neefe and family of Viking; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Halverson; Mr. N. L. Fuder; Mr. and Mrs. Sampson; Mr. and Mrs. R. McFarland; Grades 6 and 7 and Mrs. Daries; Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Jones and family; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Kica; Mr. and Mrs. C. Sonoff; Mr. R. Hansen.

Those donating to the Protestant Home for Children were: Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Fischer and family; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reber.

To United Church Fund: Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Archibald.

Special Memorial Fund: Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Knudson; Mr. J. Pond Sr.; Mr. and Mrs. J. Pond; E. L. Fuder; Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Frosier; L. J. Archibald; Emil Husted; Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Smallwood; F. Wyand; L. E. Jones; Jack MacKay; B. Doherty; Ed. A. Haugan; G. H. Glasgow; Irma Machne; Shol. O. Halverson; Mrs. M. G. Holt and Charlie; Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Coffin; Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Gunn; W. Kunita; Mrs. E. Murphy; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Simmerman; J. C. Savard; Mr. and Mrs. Rick Larson; W. Masson; Mrs. J. C. Knudson; Art Knudson; J. A. Hedley; F. C. Wiese and family; Ben and Olive; Erling Larson; Louie Larson; A. C. Charter; C. L. Younker; Bob Dempsey; McKay Bros.; Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Lovig; C. V. Olsson; Harold and Esther Foxwell; Angness and family; Noble, Ellen and family; Mother and Mel; Joe Gulbra; Carl Anquist; R. L. Eaton; Mrs. A. Owen.

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Cat Awakens Tenant Coffee Shop Fire Destroys Entire Building, Etc.

The Shamrock Coffee Shop, owned and operated by Mrs. E. Murphy was entirely destroyed by fire on the morning of January 3.

Mr. B. Barley who was the only occupant of the building, was asleep in the upstairs at the time the fire broke out. He was suddenly awakened at about 4:30 a.m. when the cat belonging to the establishment, jumped on his bed. He soon found that the building was well ablaze and had only time to make good his escape.

Mr. Barley made his way to the Keith Coffin home and Mr. Coffin immediately turned in the alarm.

The fire siren soon awakened all and sundry and volunteer fire fighters were quickly on the scene. But the flames had too good a hold and nothing more could be done except to extinguish such sparks as would fall on the roofs or nearby buildings. None of the equipment or household furnishings could be saved. The resourceful cat made good its escape with Mr. Barley, but the Coffee Shop Canary was a victim of the fire.

Mrs. Murphy's clean, well ordered establishment will be missed but it is hoped she will be back in business shortly.

Glen-Coa Gleanings

The holiday season is over once more leaving pleasant memories, but also a few regrets. The severe cold and drifted roads interfered with some activities during the heart of our community. The regular New Year's Watch-Night program at Sharon Church was unable to be held as usual, nor Church Service on New Year's day. However, Luther Leaguers did have a fine skating party in Irma on Tuesday evening, Dec. 27, with a delicious lunch at Steffen's afterwards. Also the social evening at the Sate home on the following Thursday was quite a success.

Both Mr. O. Lovig and Mr. R. T. Meakins got home from Hardisty and Wainwright hospitals respectively over Christmas. We regret to say that both had to return to hospital again afterwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Berg, and little Inez of Gwynne, also Miss Betty MacKay of Camrose, were Christmas visitors at the Withall home.

Mrs. Smallwood's guests were the Mills family from Edmonton. Mr. Jens Vorlander, recently of Denmark, is working for Mr. Pedersen Nelson.

We have unintentionally omitted to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pedel on their 1950 Meteor, also Mr. Alex Smallwood on his 1949 Monarch.

Mr. M. Reitan has again left to attend the Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute at Camrose. We expect to see him home for most week-ends.

Mrs. O. Linkens went to Saskatoon this week to attend a WMW Conference there. Thus Coal Spring scholars are having a most welcome extended holiday.

Our column extends to its readers best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all those who so kindly sent flowers, donations and letters and cards. Also to those who helped us in so many other ways during our recent loss and bereavement.

—Astrid Hines, Jackie and Dwight

CARD OF THANKS
I wish to express my most sincere thanks for all the many kindnesses shown to me during my recent stay in hospital.

—James Fenton,

Kinsella and District News Items

Kinsella Children Well Cared For at Christmas

The children and mothers of the district were entertained by the Ladies Aid and Sunday School. A short program which was put on by the Young girls of the district was very much enjoyed. Presents were distributed from a gaily decorated Xmas tree, after which lunch was served and each child received a bag of treats.

The annual school Xmas Party was a very joyous event, with Santa present to distribute the gifts and treats, and on Friday afternoon the members of the Kinsella Legion put on a free picture show for all the children of the community. Each child, on leaving, received a treat of candy, kindly given by Mr. A. Loades and Mr. G. Paterson.

The pupils of Mrs. Overbo's room had a skating party and marshmallow roast at the skating rink.

According to news received by friends here, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wilkinson and family who left for Calgary before Christmas, are planning to make their home there.

Miss Mary Bilo, nurse in training at Verreville, was home with her parents for the New Year.

The Legion sponsored a New Year's Frolic which was preceded by a supper served on seasonably decorated tables.

Visitors here during the holiday were: Mr. and Mrs. M. Walker and son; Miss C. Milne of Calgary; Mr. and Mrs. E. Swanson and son; Mrs. Gardiner, Sharon and Melvin; E. O. and Mrs. Pender Smith; the Holm family; Mrs. Leo and Miss G. Lee; Miss V. Stenson and Mr. F. Long of Edmonton; Miss H. Boethwick of Altagracia and Mr. M. Bilo had his cousin and friend Mr. Lawrence Mitchell with him for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Mark spent Christmas with their daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. R. Loney.

The Ladies Aid will meet on Thursday, January 5 at 3 p.m.

The Legion will hold the monthly meeting in the school on Thursday evening.

Curling Schedule

Friday, January 6
7 p.m.: High School vs. Riley; Younker vs. Smallwood.

January 7
7 p.m.: Milen vs. Hardy; Mrs. Sather vs. Mrs. Smallwood.
9 p.m.: Brown vs. Mrs. Anquist; Black vs. Kirkman.

January 9
7 p.m.: Smallwood vs. Knudson; McMillan vs. Riley.
9 p.m.: Knowles vs. Younker; Frickleton vs. High School.

January 10
8 p.m.: Hardy vs. Mrs. Sather; Black vs. Mrs. Anquist.

January 11
7 p.m.: Kirkman vs. High School; Milne vs. Younker.
9 p.m.: Mrs. Smallwood vs. McMillan; Knudson vs. Brown.

January 12
8 p.m.: Frickleton vs. Riley; Smallwood vs. Knowles.

January 13
7 p.m.: Black vs. Hardy; Mrs. Sather vs. Mrs. Anquist.

TENDER
Applications will be received at the office of the undersigned for the purchase of the North-West Quarter of Section Four (4), Township Forty-four (44), Range Nine (9), West of the Fourth Meridian, up to Five (5:00) o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday the 10th day of January, 1950.

Terms Cash.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Chas. Williamson,
Secretary-Treasurer,
MD of Wainwright, No. 61,
WAINWRIGHT, Alberta.

Southern Sayings

Arthur Jackson is at Sedgewick helping with the chores on the farm of his uncle George, who recently had his appendix removed at Hardisty.

We are sorry to report that G. Reber has been quarantined with Scarlet Fever.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Funk were city visitors on Christmas week. Mr. and Mrs. Hall (nee Cora Long) of Taber and Miss Marion Long of Calgary spent Christmas at the home of their parents Mr. and Mrs. Art Long.

Stan Hill spent Christmas at his home here, but has left for the West Coast where he plans to spend a few days at the home of one of his males before reporting for duty at Esquimalt.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Foulkes and son, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Dyck, and Mrs. Hardy, all of Edmonton spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Hill. They returned to the city on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Burnell were guests at the Hill home on Xmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Jackson and family and Mr. and Mrs. George Pedel and Pat spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dempsey. Other guests were Mr. Danny Larkin, Mr. Joe Guest, Mr. Oliver Burns, all late of Tipperary, Mr. John Culbert from Galway Bay and Mr. Sidney Knowles.

After enjoying such a long spell of remarkably mild fall weather, the sub-zero weather of the past three weeks has come as some what of a shock to most of us, and takes some getting accustomed to. Everyone is hoping for a let up in the weather in the near future.

Larry Funk spent Christmas at his home here and returns this week to the School of Agriculture at Vermilion, where he is taking a four-year course.

The hospital of the district has been extended to Mr. C. C. Walker and Mrs. Gerald Hurst on the death of their father, Mr. E. W. Walker.

Mr. Walker who was one of the earliest settlers in the Irma district, passed away at the Wainwright hospital on January 2.

Easterly Echoes

We are very glad to report that Mr. James Fenton returned home from hospital a week before Xmas.

Mr. Carl Engler left for his old home at Kitchener, Ontario.

Among those employed at the Military Camp at Wainwright are Messrs. Gordon and Hugh Elliott, Harold Morse and George Worthing Jr., for the winter months.

Because of several cases of scarlet fever and chicken pox in the east districts the Crescent Hill Christmas concert planned by the Battle River-W.I. was cancelled.

Mrs. Phil Inklin and Frances, also Mr. and Mrs. Allen Taylor were visitors to the city just before the holiday season.

Happy new year, folks.

TRAIN SERVICE EFFECTIVE MONDAY, JANUARY 9

From Edmonton: Tues, Thur, and Sat.
To Edmonton: Mon, Wed, and Fri.

Ladies Aid News

The Irma Ladies Aid will meet Tuesday, January 10 at the home of Mrs. Long. Mrs. McFarland will have charge of the devotionals, and hostesses will be Mrs. McKay and Mrs. R. D. Smallwood. Everybody welcome.

CARD OF THANKS
I wish to thank everyone who so kindly remembered me while in hospital with good things to eat and lovely cards and letters. Thanks also to the Blood donors of the Red Cross Clinic.

—Mildred Chase.

The South African wheat crop is estimated at 15 million bushels for the 1949-50 season, a 2.5 million decrease from the crop of last season.

Church News

ALLIANCE TABERNACLE
Sunday, January 8
10:45—Sunday School and Bible Class.

11:45—Morning Worship Service. Wednesday.

8 p.m.—Mid-week prayer meeting and Bible Study.

We welcome you to our services. Come and bring a friend.

Pastor Geo. E. Warnock.
"The first good work you will ever perform is to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, until you do this, all your works, prayers, tears and good resolutions are vain."

M.G. M.F.S.

UNITED CHURCH
Sunday, January 8
Sunday School—11 a.m.

Worship Service—7:30 p.m.
Come and worship in 1950.
Minister H. W. Ingils.

NOTICE
Preparation of Assessment Roll 1950

MD of Wainwright No. 51

Notice is hereby given that the assessment of the previous year has been adopted under the provisions of The Assessment Act, and that the assessment roll of the said municipality has been duly prepared, and that if any person thinks that any property has been wrongfully assessed, or assessed too high, or too low, or that his name or the name of any other person has been wrongfully entered upon or omitted from the roll, he may at any time prior to the 17th day of January, 1950, notify the secretary-treasurer in writing of the particulars and grounds of his complaint.

Dated at Wainwright, this 31st day of December, 1949.

Chas. Williamson, Sec. Treas.

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WAINWRIGHT, Alberta

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Every Thursday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Appointments to be made at IRMA DRUGS

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At WAINWRIGHT
Every Saturday

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Rural Housing

HOUSING HAS BEEN ONE OF CANADA'S most serious problems since the war. The situation has been most acute in cities and towns and particularly in large industrial centres, but there has been need, too, for new homes in the rural districts. A recent report on the progress made during the past year in meeting Canada's housing shortage shows that up to September, 1949, 55,435 new houses had been built, marking an increase of 12,000 over the number built in the same period in 1948. Much of this building was done in the more thickly populated areas, but according to the Bureau of Statistics a considerable number of new homes were erected in the rural sections of Western Canada.

Much Building In The West

In Saskatchewan, 1,952 new houses had been built and 2,249 started in the first eight months of 1949, while the figures given for Manitoba were 2,909 constructed and 3,220 started. Alberta reported 5,615 new homes built in the same period and 5,550 started. Of these, many were farm homes. There has been a marked tendency, since the war, to improve the housing on farms and a considerable portion of the money loaned by chartered banks under the Farm Improvement Loans Act was used for the purpose of installing plumbing, electricity and other conveniences in farm homes. In the month of August, 1949, the Finance Department reported that 27 per cent. of the \$6,000,000 advanced in that month under the Act was used for the improvement of farm houses and buildings.

Shows Progress And Stability

Costs of building or altering farm homes are said to be about the same as those in the cities. The charges for installation of plumbing, electric wiring and heating systems are often greater, because of the fact that contractors who do this type of work usually have to travel some distance to farms. However, the farmer may save on other labour costs by doing much of the work himself. There is lack of skilled labour for building in rural districts, and more new farm houses would have been built in the past year had more workers been available. The need for interest in improving living conditions on the farms has been evident for many years, and the increasing trend toward installing modern equipment in farm homes would do a great deal to lessen the work of the farm wife, and to make farming generally more attractive. The old saying, to the effect that the farmer's barn was often better than his house, apparently no longer applies in the West, and the tendency toward better housing is a sign of increasing progress and stability among the people there.

If Your Nose Fills Up-

Spoils Sleep Tonight

Surprisingly fast, Va-tro-nol works right where trouble is to open up your clogged nose—relieve stuffy transient congestion. You'll like the way it brings relief. (NOTE: Va-tro-nol is also good for relieving sniffling, sneezing distress of head colds.) Follow directions in folder.

A Few Drops Make Breathing Easier—Invites Restful Sleep

VICK'S VA-TRO-NOL

Saskatchewan Women Elected Head Of Farm Union

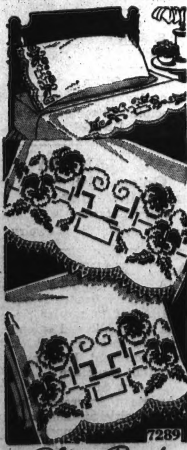
CALGARY.—Mrs. R. B. Gunn of Fumess, Sask., was elected president of the Farm Women's Union of Alberta recently at the group's first annual convention. She succeeds Mrs. M. E. Lowe, of Nanton, who was named second vice-president. Mrs. C. T. Armstrong, of Hussar, was elected first vice-president.

Care Of Apples

Apples breathe much the same as humans. This action uses up some of the sugar reserves. The higher the temperature, the faster the "breathing", and the more quickly the apple will deteriorate. The coolest place in the house above freezing is the best for storing apples.

To Feel Right — Eat Right

Sweet Dream Motifs



Sweet dreams of fine linens quickly come true with these 8-to-10-inch cross-stitch patterns! Make a guest welcome with these linens! Pattern 7289; transfer of a 6x24, two 5x13 inch motifs; edging. Our improved pattern—visual with easy-to-use charts and photos, and complete directions—makes needlework easy.

To obtain this pattern send twenty-five cents in coins (stamps cannot be accepted) to: Household Arts Department, Winnipeg Newsprint Union, 68 Front Street W., Toronto. So save to write plainly your Name, Address and Pattern Number.

Tourists Coming To Winter Playgrounds

WASHINGTON.—A record-breaking flow of United States tourists is coming to Canada's winter playgrounds in the making. That's the good word from the American Automobile Association, which states that Canada remains the "major foreign travel objective" of U.S. tourists, and adds:

"This season's northward trek is expected to be a record-breaker for those who wish to enjoy winter sports north of the border."

Walter W. Hubbard, former Toronto editor who now edits the association's magazine, American Motorist, said that motor traffic into Canada this last summer also was in the record class, with the number of cars rolling across the border during July breaking all previous totals for that month.

Nearly 1,500,000 cars, a figure never exceeded before or after the war, crossed the international border into the Canadian provinces in July. The total was 1,495,300, including 325,800 Canadian cars returning from trips into the United States.

At a single port of entry—Fort Erie, Ont.—the number of cars entering the Dominion was between six and seven a minute, night and day throughout the month.

Hubbard reported that Canada's national parks are getting bigger play than ever.

"Exactly 1,502,650 visitors went to the Dominion's national parks during the first five months of the fiscal year of 1949-50, a figure which surpassed the previous record of the corresponding period last year."

"Riding Mountain National Park, in the province of Alberta, got the largest increase—72,622 above last year's attendance of 151,651."

LOSS WAS HEAVY

STEINBACH, Man.—Fire, raging through a 100-foot long two-story chicken house two miles from here, destroyed 1,200 hens and caused damage estimated at \$8,000.

The chicken house was on the farm of John Nickel, and is known as the Steinbach Poultry farm.

More than 300 bushels of feed, stored in the chicken house, were lost in the blaze. The Steinbach fire department was called to the scene, but the fire was raging out of control. Part of the loss was covered by insurance.

TO PURCHASE UNIFORMS

WEXFORD, Sask.—Some 400 persons attended a band concert staged in the Legion hall by the Weyburn junior chamber of commerce band. The band plans to stage a concert every month during the winter, with the proceeds from the silver collection going towards the purchase of uniforms.

Crash Victim



(R.C.A.F. Photo)

Leading Aircraftman William Garret Nason, R.C.A.F., of Waskia, Alta., and Trenton, Ont., was one of four Servicemen killed in the crash of an R.C.A.F. twin-engine Mitchell aircraft near Trenton, Ont., Sunday, Dec. 11th. Born in Bishopston, Durham, England, in November, 1925, he attended public school at Doreley, Sask., and Eagle Creek, Alta., and high school at Bowles, Alta., and Vegreville, Alta. He enlisted in the R.C.A.F. in January, 1944, and was trained as an air gunner, winning his wing at Macdonald, Man., Bombing and Gunnery School in March, 1945. He left the R.C.A.F. and rejoined the Permanent Force in February, 1949, as an aerobically fit pilot. He was a member of the engine mechanic, later retraining to meteorological observer. He was married, his wife being in Trenton. Father is shown as Mr. T. H. Nason, St. Albert, Alta.

FUNNY

And

OTHERWISE

"What are all these quotation marks on your examination paper, Jones?"

"Courtesy to the boy on my right, sir."

Passenger: What's the best thing to eat on shipboard?

Ship's Captain: Raspberry jam. It tastes the same both ways.

Hostess (at children's party to small boy): "Well my little man, how are you?"

John (aged four): "Quite well, thank you, except for a bit of a whooping cough."

A rich old aunt was paying her nephew's college expense, and her visitor asked her if it was expensive.

"Well," said the aunt, "language runs pretty high. My cheque this month covered \$10 for English, \$50 for Latin and \$110 for Scotch."

"Hard work pushing your invalid husband about in a bathtub all day?" said the sympathizer, dropping a penny in the tin cup.

"Well, sir, it would be, but we takes it turn and turn about, see? He rides in the morning and I ride in the afternoon."

"Dear Teacher, you must not whack my Tommy, he is a delicate child and he's not used to it. We never hit him at home except in self defence."

"I don't see why you complain about the size of my bill. It's not as big as it might have been."

"That's right; I wasn't as sick as I could have been either."

"My boy," said a married bishop to a youngster employed as a bootboy at the episcopal palace, who had been found out in some fault, "I want you to remember not only that you grieve me by your conduct, but that there is one far greater than either of us who takes notice of everything we do, and will hold us responsible for our actions."

"Yes, my lord," replied the boy, "She's already spoken to me about it."

"Now that he plays in the band, I suppose your boy is quite busy," said the lady next door.

"Not as busy as I am," sighed the mother. "I have to help him find a flat, mend and press his uniform, attend the Band Mothers' meetings, and beat time while he plays 'O Canada' on his alto saxophone."

Farm Children Have Better Health Chance

WITTING.—Farm children have better chance for good mental health than city children, says Dr. C. M. Hincks of Toronto, general director of the national committee for mental hygiene.

City children often lack sufficient outlets for their energies, he added in an interview here.

"It's not just by accident that many of our great leaders come from rural areas. People brought up in the country develop fibre."

He said children on farms, particularly where there is a large family, get a better start towards good mental health. They learn to accept responsibilities by doing chores around the farm.

Dr. Hincks thinks mental hygiene is the No. 1 health and welfare problem of the world today.

Canada alone has 50,000 patients in mental institutions and is spending \$40,000,000 in mental hygiene work, he said.

"For her population, Canada is spending more money for this work than any other country in the world. But a great more could be spent to advantage because of the enormous dimensions of the problem."

He estimates that two per cent. of Canada's population are mentally ill and approximately one-third do not enjoy perfect mental health.

"They are existing but not really living. They suffer from depression or anxiety states."

Dr. Hincks lists the following requirements for good mental health:

1. Reasonable sense of security.

2. Reasonable sense of personal worth.

3. Willingness to assume responsibility for self and others.

4. Helpful friends in time of difficulty.

He stressed the value of giving children "a sense of affection" to help them develop stability and a good mental outlook.

St. Bernard Veteran Receives War Decoration

VICTORIA, B.C.—Wallace, the huge St. Bernard mascot of the "Fighting First" Canadian Scottish (Princess Mary's) led a parade here for more than 65 veterans receiving awards for overseas service in the Second World War.

Capt. J. R. Warburton called the first name of the list: "Private Wallace, Regimental Number K-9."

While 800 spectators looked on, the old dog slowly got to his feet and eyed his master, Piper Andy McGeorge. The piper offered his bagpipes to Wallace, who solemnly accepted them, and together they marched to the reviewing stand.

Wallace eyed his master approvingly as he briskly saluted Brig. F. N. Cabell, and offered back the bagpipes. Piper McGeorge accepted and presented the dog with his awards—sealed in an envelope.

The dog carefully held the packet in his massive jaws and master and dog returned to the ranks as the crowd cheered and clapped.

The wearing of a feather is an Indian custom signifying bravery.

Black Wart or Canker, an incurable potato disease, is prevalent in some areas of Newfoundland. Government authorities are trying to prevent its spread to the rest of Canada. The left picture shows a potato plant affected with canker, showing the complete destruction of all but the tips of the tubers. Right is a close-up of a potato affected with the canker fungus showing a typical "burl".

Saskatchewan Products



Dressed birds arrived by car and truck for the Saskatchewan Poultry and All-Canada Turkey Show recently held at Moose Jaw.

V.O.N. To Meet At Winnipeg

OTTAWA.—For the second time in the history of the Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada, the annual meeting in 1950 will be held outside of Ottawa.

Winnipeg has been named the site of the Victorian Order's 1950 meeting, it was announced by the Hon. Justice C. H. Locke, V.O.N. president, after a meeting of the Order's Executive Council.

This will be the Order's 52nd annual meeting. In 1943 Toronto was the site, but in all other years the V.O.N. delegates have gathered in Ottawa.

Wheat And Oats Delivery Quota Lifted In Saskatchewan

An open delivery quota on wheat and oats has been authorized at all delivery points in Saskatchewan, the Canadian wheat board announced. The move is now in effect.

With the removal of quotas in Saskatchewan, all delivery points in the west now are on an open delivery quota basis.

The board said that until July 31, 1950, producers in Saskatchewan may deliver grain to any elevator at any delivery point where space is available. All deliveries of wheat and oats are to be entered in the producer's permit as usual.

Plant Expert Urges To Guard Against Spread Of Potato Disease

SOUNDING a warning that our 100 million dollar potato growing industry is threatened if the deadly Black Wart or Canker disease is permitted entry from Newfoundland, W. N. Keenan, Chief, Plant Protection Division, Dominion Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, draws attention to the regulations under the Destructive Insect and Pest Act, administered by his Division, preventing the movement of potatoes from the new province of Newfoundland to any other province of Canada.

Describing it as one of the most destructive diseases attacking the potato crop, Mr. Keenan states that it is quite serious in certain sections of Newfoundland where it has been present since 1909. Fortunately no outbreaks have ever occurred in Canada and when Newfoundland joined Confederation on April 1, immediate steps were taken by the Plant Protection Division officials to amend the regulations in order to continue the 39-year prohibition of the movement of potatoes from that new province to the other provinces of Canada or elsewhere. Moreover, Mr. Keenan points out that a penalty is provided under the Destructive Insect and Pest Act for any contravention of any of the provisions of this Act or regulations thereunder.

For the past 50 years or more in Europe the Black Wart disease has proved to be even more than a headache to potato growers and officials there—it has developed into a malignant "canker" in truth, striking at the prosperity of the potato growing industry. In Britain and elsewhere losses have been reduced materially by the introduction of varieties immune or highly resistant to the disease. Unfortunately, however, some of these have proved to be susceptible when grown under some Newfoundland conditions.

The Dominion Botanist has stated that wherever the fungus causing Black Wart gets established in any soil, the growing of potatoes from then on becomes extremely hazardous, if not impossible. Unfortunately the presence of the disease cannot be detected in the field unless the tubers are examined, which usually means that the Canker is not detected until harvest time. This permits the fungus to multiply and spread unchecked during the growing season.

As the name would indicate, the disease is evidenced by black wart-like protuberances arising on the surface of the tubers, or may even develop also on the stems of affected plants below or just above ground level, depending on the stage of the development of the fungus.

Warning all farmers, potato dealers and government officials to be on the lookout for this disease, Mr. Keenan enlists the aid of all in order to prevent its spread on Canada.

THE TILLERS



—By Les Carrell

OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY—

"A Good Cigar Is a Smoke"

The Most Beautiful Policewoman In The World Had Her Man.

By T. W. TOBIN

CLANCY McBRIDE stood on the corner of Fifth and Elbow, chewing on a cigar and muttering to himself. Clancy was unhappy, as he rocked back and forth on his number twelve he looked at his watch. "Late again," he growled to himself. "That girl has never been on time in her life. Here it is seven o'clock and she was supposed to meet me at six. I'm getting tired of it. This time it's gonna be different."

There were two things Clancy loved, Maggie O'Toole and a good cigar. Maggie was the most beautiful girl in the world. Her Irish blue eyes and coal black hair made Clancy's heart tingle when he thought of her, which was most all the time. She had a wit about her too and when she answered Clancy's questions, the little turned-up nose in the air and put him back in his corner with her answers. As to the cigars, Clancy smoked as many in a day as there was time.

"I'll teach her this time that I'm not a guy to be trifled with," said Clancy, also to himself. "This time I'm gonna be late, and let her wait for me."

Clancy threw his chewed-up cigar away and reached in his pocket for another. There was only one left and that was a phony brand that one of the boys down at the plant had given him. Clancy decided not to smoke it. There was a cigar store across the corner and he decided to go over and buy some more.

As Clancy entered the cigar store, he made a striking figure. In his blue pin stripe suit and derby hat he cut quite a figure. And as if that wasn't enough, his shoulders, which would have done credit to a wrestler, barely cleared the doorway. Clancy wasn't a big man but when he went in a door, nobody went out the same door at the same time.

"I'll take a few cigars," said Clancy to the man behind the case. As Clancy said this two other men walked in and said in a quiet voice, "This place is pinched for gambling."

"But listen, Bub, I got a date," said Clancy.

"You'll have a date all right, in the morning with the judge," said one of the plainclothesmen. Clancy thought fast. He had to meet Maggie very soon and he didn't want to go to jail. What could he do? Then he thought of the cigar, the last one he had. He pulled it out of his pocket and handed it to the cop who had just spoken and who seemed to be in charge.

"Have a cigar, Doc," said Clancy. "As long as I'm going to jail I won't need it. I came in here to buy some more, but I guess you guys won't believe me."

"Thanks, Bub," said the policeman. "I'll just take that. And as long as you're such a square guy I'll let you go. But stay out of these places, they won't do you any good."

Fashions

By ANNE ADAMS



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The copper took the cigar, bit the end of it and touched a match to it while he blew clouds of blue smoke into the air. "Good cigar," he said. But Clancy didn't hear him for he was already out the door and starting across the street, thinking of the two things he loved the most—Maggie O'Toole and another cigar.

Clancy was half way across the street when he heard the explosion. It never occurred to him that he was involved, but the noise made him turn his head and look back. Just as he looked back he saw the plainclothes cop come out of the cigar store and he was plenty mad. Moreover, he had a stump of a cigar in his mouth and his face was blackened as if from an explosion.

One look was enough for Clancy. He knew the effects of a loaded cigar when he saw one, and this one didn't look so good, in fact it was tragic for Clancy—it meant jail for sure.

Clancy picked up his number twelve and started to make some time. Luck was with him for the light changed just then and the policeman was stranded on the curb across the street. But Clancy didn't wait, he was in full stride when he saw a familiar figure ahead. It was Maggie O'Toole, and she looked like she was ruffled about something.

"Hey, you big lug, it's about time you showed up. What's the idea of keeping me waiting?" said Maggie O'Toole, grabbing Clancy as he came by.

"I ain't got time to explain now, Maggie," he puffed. "The cops are after me and I gotta get out of here, or I'll go to jail sure."

"Now shut up and listen to me, Clancy," said the most beautiful girl in the world. "You stay right here and I'll handle these cops."

"But you don't understand, Maggie," wheezed Clancy. "I gave that cop a loaded cigar and he's mad. He'll run me in sure, I gotta get out of here."

"Let me handle this," said the girl. "I was late for a reason today, and I'll fix everything."

He could feel the strong arm of the law reaching out for him. He could just see the cold steel bars surrounding him. It was too late to run now. The light changed and already the plainclothes policeman was on his way across the street. Clancy glanced back and saw that the expression on the policeman's face hadn't become any more friendly, in fact he was getting madder with each step.

Clancy resigned himself to his fate. If he was going to be arrested well, if he would just have to be. He looked down into the blue eyes, the cutest up-titled nose standing there so afraid in that smart little business suit she wore.

"I still love you, Maggie," and always will," he breathed. "Promise me you'll come and visit me in jail."

"Quiet, you big lug, you're not going to jail. That's what I've been trying to tell you if you'd just hold still. That's why I'm late."

"All right, Bub, tried to pull a fast one on me, huh?" said the puffing and red-faced policeman as he finally got to the curb where Clancy and Maggie stood.

"It was a mistake, officer, I didn't know it was loaded," offered Clancy. "That isn't good enough," growled the copper stepping in between Clancy and Maggie. "Put out your paw, Bub, I got some jewellery for 'em."

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"That's what you think. Take a look at this," said Maggie, and she produced a gold-plated badge.

"Excuse me, Miss, I didn't know you was on the force. You can have him, you caught him," said the copper.

"Yes, I caught him and I'm going to keep him," said Maggie as she took Clancy's arm and started down the street.

"What's the deal, Maggie?" queried Clancy now that he had his breath back.

"I told you I was late for a reason, didn't I? Well, the reason was I just got sworn in as policeman. And you're my first arrest. What do you think of that?"

"I think it's swell, Maggie," said Clancy looking at the most beautiful policeman in the world. "But there's only one thing bothers me."

"What's that?"

"I need a cigar," said Clancy. (Copyright Western Newspaper Syndicate)

Western Briefs

More Honey EDMONTON.—An amount of honey more than three times as great as the previous year was handled by the Alberta Honey Producers Co-operative here in the 12 months ending Aug. 31. The plant produced 1,366,970 pounds of the sweet stuff.

The Cost Of Youth VANCOUVER.—Young British Columbia drivers may have to pay more for their automobile insurance. Insurance men say that the 15-to-25 age group is the worst accident risk. A complete survey is being made.

Everything At Hand DAUPHIN, Man.—Deposits of silica sand, an ingredient in pottery and glass manufacture, have been discovered near Manitoba's first producing coal mine. With both sand and coal available, Roy L. Johnson, operator of the mine, is now working on a process for glassmaking.

Amalgamation MCAULEY, Man.—1950 will see the amalgamation of fat stock shown from McArthur and Elkhorst. This was announced at a meeting of the Archie fat stock show and sales association in McAuley.

Hairy Chest Contest THE PAN-MA.—A white whale exhibit, a stock derby, and a "hairiest chest contest" are the latest items to be added to the four-day programme of the third annual Northern Manitoba Trappers' festival being held here in February.

Grant Water Rights VICTORIA, B.C.—A licence has been granted the Aluminum company of Canada for water rights on two British Columbia rivers. The company has plans for a \$300,000,000 aluminum development, but it will be some time before construction starts.

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Alberta's Sugar Beet Industry



Most of Southern Alberta's sugar beets, placed in storage dumps during the frantic harvest rush, are now at the processing plants. Alberta's crop of beets this year amounted to 325,000 tons and is expected to yield about 80,000,000 pounds of refined sugar.

Peace River Farmer Has Bonanza Crop

(By GÉOFF. MACGIBBON)

Winnipeg Free Press—A Mike Pylyk, who farms 136 acres near Fort Vermilion in the Peace River northlands, has a bonanza crop this year.

His wheat, grown in the country west of Lake Athabasca, yielded 45 bushels to the acre and graded well.

When, in mid-November, Mr. Pylyk hauled a 228-bushel truck load south to the National grain company elevator at Grimshaw, Alta., Ken Dragland, the local operator, was unable to determine its weight per measured bushel in his test kettle.

A sample of this wheat measured at Winnipeg, weighed 68 pounds to the measured bushel, three pounds above the maximum for standard equipment so far north.

Protein tests made at Winnipeg showed that Mr. Pylyk's wheat contained 14.8 per cent. of protein—a good figure for western Canada and an exceptional one for wheat grown so far north.

Mr. Pylyk achieved this success with Reward wheat.

Alberta Doubles Oil Production

CALGARY, Alta.—Alberta's oil and natural gas production in the first 10 months of 1949 almost doubled that of the similar 1948 period, provincial oil officials reported.

The petroleum and natural gas conservation board announced 16,732,421 barrels of oil and natural gas were taken from the Alberta fields from Jan. 1 to Oct. 31, 1949.

In the same period of 1948, 8,623,977 barrels were produced.

A breakdown showed production in the first 10 months of 1949 was divided into three fields, but dropped in another. In the third field, the 15-month-old Redwater field northeast of Edmonton, claim to 4,000,000 barrels were yielded in the first 10 months of the year.

Production was up close to 5,000,000 barrels at Leduc field, 20 miles southwest of Edmonton. Leduc was opened in February, 1947. At Turner Valley, 35 miles southwest of Calgary, production was down to some half million barrels. Turner valley is the oldest Alberta field.

Car Insurance Rates Up in Manitoba

WINNIPEG.—The alarming increase of traffic accidents in Manitoba, combined with the high cost of auto parts and labor and the fancy design of most new cars, is going to cost the Manitoba motorist a lot more in insurance rates during 1950.

The Western Canada Insurance Underwriters association announced that bodily injury and property damage rates for private passenger cars will be increased by 10 per cent. in most parts of Manitoba on all policies taking effect after Jan. 1. Collision rate increases will range from 10 to 25 per cent.

Fire and theft experience has been favorable, however, and the rates in most areas will be reduced by 25 per cent. Commercial automobile rates will for the most part remain unchanged except in Winnipeg, where collision rates are up.

JUICE VITAMINS LOST IF EXPOSED TO AIR

If you must squeeze the orange juice the night before, be sure to stopper it well. If exposed; oxygen from the air will destroy some of the vitamins that form its chief dietary value.—Popular Science.

Alberta's First Owner And Automobile Driver Passes On

The passing of Charlie Jackson, announced in a recent issue of the Salvation Army War Cry, removes from the picturesque city of Calgary one of its most picturesque pioneer citizens, this veteran of the West having witnessed history-making periods of the Foothills City's progress practically since its founding.

His connection with Southern Alberta, with its rolling approach to the towering Rocky Mountains, would easily entitle Mr. Jackson to a place in the archives of the province, for he was associated with many pioneer activities and was accorded a prominent place in anniversary and annual Stampede events. In last year's Stampede parade he rode in a pioneer wagon with other veteran citizens.

In fact, the S.A. Citadel Band, of which Mr. Jackson was a member (in the early days this band played a big circular bass instrument) took a prominent part in the procession.

Pioneer Car-owner "Charlie" Jackson had the distinction of being the first Alberta citizen to own and drive an automobile in the province, if not in the whole of the Dominion. A photograph of Mr. Jackson was known in captivity.

Mr. Jackson, who owned great tracts of land in the early days of the province, was greatly interested in the Salvation Army's progress in Calgary. He contributed generously to the erection of the Citadel, one of the best auditoriums in the West, laid its foundation-stone, and also donated the site of the Children's Home. Many years ago he raised large amounts on behalf of the Children's Home (also among the best in Canada) by exhibiting a genuine wild horse, the only one so far as was known, in captivity.

From bronco-riding to power-driven vehicle, Charlie Jackson, who recently passed away from his homestead in Calgary, was the first to own and drive an automobile in the province of Alberta, probably the whole of Canada. He is shown in this history-making photograph, with his family, about to start out for a meeting in the Salvation Army Citadel.

Eggs Move From East To West

During the fall the egg market took a somewhat unusual turn. For the first time in nearly 40 years, there was a large movement of eggs from eastern to western Canada. During September-November, no less than 48 cars of 20,576 cases moved from the east to the Prairie Provinces and Northwestern Ontario.

The unusual demand posed something of a conundrum, because baby chick sales in western provinces last spring increased by 8.5 per cent. over the previous year. The movement seems to have arisen from unprecedented demand and a scarcity of eggs in British Columbia, the normal source of supply for the Prairies.

Poultry officials in Ottawa think the likelihood of this east-to-west demand continuing in future years is somewhat remote. They point out that storing helps to meet local requirements, and it will probably be a larger factor next year.

In 1949, 2,306,000 gallons of maple syrup and 1,787,000 pounds of maple sugar were produced in Canada.

Madame Speaker Of B.C. Has Hat Troubles Solved

VICTORIA, B.C.—Mrs. Nancy Hodges' hat troubles are over: She'll wear the speaker's tricorne in the British Columbia legislature, establishing world political precedent, and receive \$4,500 for every year it's on her head.

"Make way for madame speaker," will be a history-making cry from a man-carrying sergeant-at-arms when the legislature opens Feb. 14. The provincial library reported Mrs. Hodges' appointment as speaker has never been duplicated in world records of legislative assemblies. Researchers still are checking, however, in case they're wrong.

For Mrs. Hodges, 61-year-old newspaper woman, the wearing of the speaker's tricorne ends hat trouble she's had for years.

"I have a hat I must wear now, whether it suits me or not," she said. It should suit well on her grey hair that is short cropped to almost a boyish bob—a style she has stayed with despite fashion's decrees.

To Feel Right — Eat Right

—By Chuck Thurston

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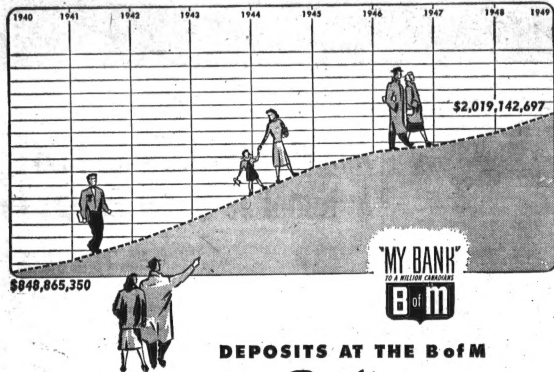
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Locals

Born to Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Kirkman at the Viking hospital on Christmas Day, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Reeds spent the holiday season at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Wm. Archer of Edmonton.

Miss Winnie Thurston who is attending the Vermilion School of Agriculture joined the Thurston family here over Christmas and New Year's.

We trust 1950 doesn't intend to continue as it has begun, with a temperature of 45 below.

Miss Vera Simmermon who teaches the United Church School at Bonnyville was able to be at her home here over the holidays.

We are sorry to report the death of Mr. W. E. Walker, old-time resident of this district. Mr. Walker who had been in very poor health for some time, passed away at the Wainwright hospital on Jan. 2.

In Juvenile hockey last Saturday Wainwright Harvesters played Irma to a 4-4 overtime draw. Irma goals were scored by Kennedy, Hockett, Masson and Dawson.

The Farmer's Bonspiel which was in full swing Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week was one of the best ever. As we have been unable to get all the details for this issue, we thought it best to leave it until next week when the Club secretary, Mr. D. H. Gunn will take care of it in his own inimitable style.

Mrs. A. Owen has been enjoying a visit from her daughter, Doris Owen of Edmonton.

Miss Irene Lambert returned to Edmonton on Wednesday after a holiday here with friends and relatives.

Don't forget the Juvenile hockey game next Saturday at 3 p.m. Support local sport.

Mr. Pryce Jones is the caretaker chosen for the new school.

Miss Isabel Craig was a holiday visitor to Irma.

Miss Mildred Carrington has been a recent visitor here with her sisters, Mrs. N. McMillan and Mrs. Art Knudson.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Torrance motored to Islay to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson.

We would like to acknowledge a letter from Mrs. Bert Wells. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Wells will be interested to know that they have now taken up residence in Calgary. Bert has just had a plane trip to the Case factory at Davenport, Iowa.

Mrs. Watts of Wainwright was a Christmas guest at the home of Mrs. J. C. McLean.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. S. Magrath fell and hurt her back quite badly.

Barry and Phil Holt of Edmonton have been renewing old acquaintances down this way recently.

TUESDAY SPEAKER



Sidney Katz, writer and commentator on social science topics who is currently broadcasting a series of reports on the practical work being done by social scientists in Canada. He is heard Tuesdays at 10 p.m. on CBW; 9 p.m. on CBK and CBX.

Viking Items

The Viking Curling Club reports twelve entries from outside points for the Refrigerator Bonspiel scheduled for January 16th to 21st. The entry list is limited to 48 rinks. There is plenty of room for a lot of local entries and outsiders too before the closing date, January 11th.

Curlers are reminded that there is a most excellent list of prizes: four Westinghouse refrigerators; four Sunbeam Mixmasters; four Rexall Langmuir men's travelling bags; four Cooney 22 repeating rifles; 24 famous Caldwell curling sweaters; and eight Waterman 3 piece new Crusader trio pen sets. Come and get 'em. Send your entry now, \$40.00 per rink.

Palmer Nordstrom arrived in the office Tuesday afternoon wearing a sign, "it's twins," and handed cigars around. He said take two, there's no discrimination. Congratulations to the mother and boys, and we also think some should go to papa Nordstrom. The boys are healthy and doing well, so is the mother, says Palmer.

The marriage of Mr. Herman Halso of Viking and Miss Evelyn Haukedahl of Camrose, was solemnized in the Lutheran church at Camrose on December 28. Full account will appear in next week's issue.

At the Olds bonspiel this week are Cecil Runyon, Sandy Ross, Ken Hilliker and Jim Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Bilby, of Edmonton were holiday guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Nay. Mrs. Bilby and Mrs. Nay are sisters.

LOST — between D. Glasgow's farm and Irma, one woollen blanket, Finder please notify G. Glasgow or H. Riley.

Kiefer's Shows

Friday, January 6 8:40 p.m.

"An Ideal Husband"

Starring Paulette Goddard and Michael Wilding (Adult)

Friday, January 13 (Adult)

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